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Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the Hon. Minister himself has doubts about the efficient working of this Committee and as a small compact Committee to look after the development projects in the same manner as the planning boards existing in other districts, will be more useful, will the Government be pleased to consider the constitution of a planning board in the district? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am afraid even the district planning boards in the districts where there are community projects, are equally unwieldy. I have been thinking of a more compact Committee which could do work expeditiously and efficiently."

Sri S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" May I know the basis on which these project committees are constituted? As soon as they are formed, will they automatically oust the planning boards? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" The Hon. Minister said that the Executive Committee met three or four times. Will the Government see that at least the minutes and the decisions arrived at the meetings of the Committee are communicated to the Members of the Project Advisory Committee? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall consider that suggestion."

* 889 *Q.*—Please see page 283.

Issue of permits for bus routes.

* 890 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of permits for bus routes issued during the year 1953–54 ;

(*b*) the number of permits issued to Harijans; and

(*c*) the conditions for the issue of such permits?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) 76.

" (*b*) Nil.

" (*c*) In deciding to grant or refuse a stage carriage permit the Transport authorities are guided by the following considerations set forth in section 47 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act :—

(i) the interest of the public generally;

(ii) the advantages to the public of the service to be provided including the saving of time likely to be effected thereby and any convenience arising from journeys not being broken;

(iii) the adequacy of existing road passenger transport services between the places to be served and the fares charged by those services;

(iv) the benefit to any particular locality or localities likely to be afforded by the service; and

(v) the condition of the roads included in the proposed route or routes.''

Sri A. RATNAM :—'' பஸ் ரூட்டுப் பர்மிட்டுகளுக்கு விண்ணப்பித்துக்கொண்ட ஹரிஜனங்கள் எத்தனை பேர்கள்? 1953–54-ம வருஷத்திற்கு எவ்வளவு ஹரிஜனங்களுக்குப் பஸ் ரூட்டுகளின் பர்மிட்டுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன? அவர்களுக்கு பஸ் வாங்குவதற்கு கூட்டுறவு சொசைட்டிகளின் மூலம் பணம் கொடுத்துதவ இந்தச் சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது ஏற்பாடு செய்திருக்கிறதா?''

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' In 1953–54, no Harijan has been granted permits. But I know that in previous years, some permits were given. I shall consider the suggestion contained in the other part of the question put by Mr. Ratnam.''

Sri R. S. ARUMUGAM :—'' அவர்களுடைய பொருளாதார நிலையை உயர்த்துவதற்கு பஸ் பர்மிட் வழங்குவதில் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கே முதல் சலுகை அளிக்கப்படுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்?''

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' I shall look into the matter.''

Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM :—'' இந்த பஸ் ரூட்டுகளுக்கு விண்ணப்பம் போட்டுக்கொள்ளும்போது அவர்கள் பஸ் வைத்திருந்தால்தான் அவர்களுக்கு ரூட்டுகளுக்குப் பர்மிட் வழங்கப்படுமாவென்று கேட்கிறேன்?''

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' I do not know in what particular case the hon. Member wants information. If specific cases are brought to the notice of the Government they would consider them.''

Sri I. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' In granting permits for new routes, will the Government accept it as a policy to give permission to new applicants in preference to the existing ones so that fleet monopoly could be broken?''

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' There are rules which are being strictly followed. I do not think that unless a particular case is one which deserves such going away from those rules, the Government could consider it.''

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—'' பஸ் பர்மிட்டுகள் பெரும்பாலும் சர்க்கார் கட்சியை ஆதரிப்பவர்களுக்கே கொடுக்கப்படவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது ரகசிய உத்தரவு போட்டிருக்கிறார்களா?''

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' Such unwarranted insinuations do not warrant any reply, Sir.''

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :— On a point of order, Sir, தாங்கள் கனம் அங்கத்தினர்களைக் கேள்வி கேட்க அனுமதிக்கிறீர்கள். கேட்கப்பட்ட ஒரு கேள்வி பதில் சொல்லப்படுவதற்கு லாயக்கற்றது என்று சொல்வதானது கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களை அவமதிப்பதாகாதா?''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' அது கனம் சபாநாயகரை அவமதிப்பதாக ஆகாது. அது சர்க்காரின் அபிப்பிராயம்.'' (சிரிப்பு.)

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What are the general principles and rules underlying the policy of issuing these permits? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The whole Act is placed on the table of the House."

Madras Veterinary College.

* 891 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 8-20 a.m.

(a) how many persons are employed in the Madras Veterinary College; and

(b) whether there is any special allowance attached to any of the posts in the Madras Veterinary College?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) 161 persons are employed in the Madras Veterinary College.

" (b) The following members of the staff are in receipt of special allowance or speical pay as the case may be :—

(1) One Veterinary Assistant Surgeon—Rs. 20 per mensem for X-Ray work.

(2) Head clerk—Rs. 10 per mensem for supervisory work over other clerks.

(3) Accountant—Rs. 10 for Hostel work.

(4) Two typists—Rs. 10 per mensem each for higher grade qualification in typewriting.

(5) One Farrier—Rs. 15 as Instructor's allowance."

District and Assistant Veterinary Officers belonging to Harijan community.

* 892 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of District Veterinary Officers and Assistant Veterinary Surgeons belonging to the Harijan Community in the State; and

(b) in case of District Veterinary Officers, how many of them are direct recruits and how many are promotees?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) District Veterinary Officer—1.

Veterinary Assistant Surgeons—2.

" (b) The only Harijan District Veterinary Officer is a promotee."

Transfer of roads from the control of Local Boards to Highways Department in Tanjore district.

* 893 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of roads together with their total length in miles proposed to be transferred from the control of Local Boards to the Highways Department in Tanjore district during 1954–55?